

## March 2022 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

### SCDDO

Total Individuals Eligible	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2022	2642	2663	2662										2655
2021	2595	2602	2613	2616	2625	2628	2635	2638	2650	2657	2664	2654	2631
2020	2598	2593	2598	2600	2599	2605	2611	2606	2606	2599	2605	2604	2602
Individuals Waiting for Services	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2022	956	971	968										965
2021	1003	1005	1018	1017	983	983	947	948	954	966	973	958	980
2020	994	989	983	985	985	991	1001	994	991	993	996	1001	992
Options Counseling Transactions	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2022	77	58	61										65
2021	48	39	57	34	30	56	68	54	36	94	67	131	60
2020	181	93	235	68	44	54	55	71	43	43	31	34	79
Intakes Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2022	2	5	16										8
2021	5	5	5	3	11	19	3	10	6	12	6	9	8
2020	8	10	11	2	2	2	1	4	3	6	1	5	5
Functional Assessments Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2022	124	160	158										147
2021	147	147	154	147	179	203	174	146	160	178	151	143	161
2020	168	167	138	151	144	170	146	168	152	177	148	148	156

- During the month of March, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 9 day and 18 residential program visits.
- At the March Affiliate Directors Meeting LaTonia Wright with the Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) presented on the Settings Final Rule requirements and compliance process. There are five essential characteristics of home and community based services: Rights, Choice, Privacy, Autonomy and Integration. LaTonia elaborated on each of the characteristics then went over important dates and a new portal for agencies to use as part of the compliance process.
- A new agency was added to the network of providers in Sedgwick County. St. Margaret's Mission became a new affiliate in March. The agency is a limited licensed provider of day and residential supports for one person.
- The SCDDO Management Team held the final Strategic Planning meeting to develop and refine the strategies and measurements for the plan. Focus areas for the SCDDO Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2025 are: Communication, Process Improvement, Empowered Culture and Leadership.
- SCDDO Director participated on a panel during the IMS Global Annual Conference to discuss the process and outcomes of the Wellspring Initiative II. A published copy of the DSP Competency Framework Case Study can be found on the department website at [wellspring\\_ii\\_cs2\\_microcredentials-pathways.pdf \(sedgwickcounty.org\)](https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/wellspring_ii_cs2_microcredentials-pathways.pdf)
- SCDDO Director presented two workshops at the United Associations Conference for Family Consumer Science High School Teachers to promote the DSPathways: A Career of Caring HS to workforce pipeline. This was a regional conference with teachers from Sedgwick County school districts and other districts from central and

southcentral Kansas. The sessions were “Direct Support Professional (DSP) Badge Certifications” and “Competency Frameworks, Skill Based Hiring & Student Preparation”. She has been invited to present again at the FCS Annual Conference in July which will draw from High Schools across the state.

- KDADS launched its Workforce Initiative March 28<sup>th</sup>. The program offers a one-time allocation in bonuses to provider agencies for new and existing HCBS Direct Support Workers and their immediate supervisors. The intent of the program is to enhance provider staffing and retain direct support workers. Applications will be accepted March 28 through April 29, 2022.
- The SCDDO is glad to announce Rebecca Shell has accepted the position of Administrative Specialist. This is the position Karie Hughes formerly filled. Karie was promoted to the Operations Analyst position.
- The SCDDO received notification their application for three VISTA volunteers was approved. The VISTA's will work full time and focus on important system-level issues. One VISTA will work on adult workforce projects including the registered apprenticeship program. One VISTA will focus on youth workforce projects to include the DSP Pathways and Project SEARCH programs. The third VISTA will serve as a community liaison for the SCDDO to assist with presentations and educational efforts.
- On March 31<sup>st</sup>, SCDDO Director and representatives from InterHab and Sunflower Healthplan met with KDADS Secretary Laura Howard, Deputy Secretary Scott Brunner and Commissioners Andy Brown & Amy Penrod to provide information on the SCDDO ICCoD SIM and discuss the potential for a Statewide SIM using the ICCoD model. The Secretary and KDADS Leadership were enthusiastic about the idea and plans were set in motion to pursue a Statewide ICCoD SIM in July. SCDDO Director will provide support and technical assistance to the project as requested.